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SUBJECT: STROUGAL VISIT TO TURKEY

1. AT NATO AMBASSADORS' LUNCH JAN 8 TURKISH CHARGE CAN GAVE BRIEF REPORT OF CSSR PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL'S VISIT TO TURKEY. CAN HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORT FROM ANKARA AND HAD LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE TO CONVEY.
2. CAN SAW STROUGAL OFF AND MET HIM AT AIRPORT UPON RETURN, AND SAID STROUGAL REPORTED A "VERY SUCCESSFUL TRIP." INITIATIVE FOR VISIT WAS CZECH, CAN SAID, AND DATED FROM HELSINKI CONFERENCE WHEN CSSR AND TURKISH DELS SAT SIDE-BY-SIDE AND INVITATION WAS EXTENDED. CAN SAID EMPHASIS BY TURKS IN VISIT WAS ON ECONOMIC SIDE, BUT CZECH EMPHASIS WAS ON POLITICAL SIDE.
3. ECONOMIC-SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL-CULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED FOLLOWED SIMILAR AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY TURKEY WITH IRAN, BULGARIA AND RUMANIA. (TURKEY HAD SIGNED NEW TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CSSR IN AUGUST WHICH MOVED FROM "CLEARING" TO "FREE EXCHANGE" SYSTEM AND PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY, AS TURKS SAW IT, FOR

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INCREASED COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. CAN SAID STROUGAL

SOME TIME AGO TOLD FORMER TURKISH AMBASSADOR CZECHS WERE IN POSITION TO HELP TURKEY WITH ITS CURRENT ECONOMIC PROGRAM, SO IN SENSE THIS WAS FOLLOWUP TO THAT CONVERSATION.)

4. CAN WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF COMMUNIQUE BUT WHEN ASKED ABOUT CYPRUS SAID CZECH POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED, AS STROUGAL HAD TOLD PRESS IN ANKARA. COMMUNIQUE TALKED ABOUT RIGHTS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, FIRST TIME CZECHS HAD SO STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE STROUGAL HAD MENTIONED DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS BETWEEN TURKEY AND CSSR ON CYPRUS, INCLUDING WHETHER TALKS SHOULD BE MULTILATERAL OR NOT; BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE ESSENTIAL WAS TO FIND A SOLUTION, AND IF OTHER WAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD SUCCEED, CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD FIND THOSE ACCEPTABLE. (GERMAN AMBASSADOR SAID THIS WAS ONLY SECOND CZECHOSLOVAK JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN RECENT TIMES--FIRST FOLLOWED STROUGAL'S VISIT TO LIBYA LAST YEAR--IN WHICH SENTENCE WAS OMITTED ABOUT "RIGHT OF EXISTENCE" OF ALL PEOPLES IN AREA. CAN WAS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THIS.)

5. CAN SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS NO PROPOSAL BY THE CZECH SIDE FOR A DECLARATION OF FRIENDSHIP OR SOME SUCH DOCUMENT AS HAD BEEN RECENTLY PROPOSED TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES.

6. PRIVATELY, CAN TOLD CHARGE THAT HE HAS NO RPT NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE TURKISH MOVEMENT TOWARDS PURCHASE OF CZECH ARMS DURING STROUGAL VISIT OR OTHERWISE. (PROTECT ON LAST ITEM).
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